

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3512

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent misrepresentation of their ages by on-line predators as a means for the enticement of children.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2009

Mr. SCALISE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Capturing On-line  
5       Predators Act of 2009”.

6       **SEC. 2. MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE BY ON-LINE PREDATORS.**  
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8       (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 117 of title 18, United  
9       States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2422  
10      the following:

1 **“§ 2422A. Misrepresentation of age by on-line preda-**  
2 **tors**

3 “(a) Whoever, being 18 years of age or older, know-  
4 ingly misrepresents their age in an on-line communication  
5 to a minor to persuade, induce, entice, or coerce any indi-  
6 vidual to engage in any sexual activity for which any per-  
7 son can be charged with a criminal offense, or attempts  
8 to do so, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for  
9 not more than 10 years, or both. A defendant sentenced  
10 to imprisonment under this section shall serve that sen-  
11 tence consecutively to any sentence of imprisonment im-  
12 posed for any other offense in the same criminal episode.

13 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘on-line commu-  
14 nication’ means any communication over the Internet.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF SEC-  
16 TIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter  
17 117 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by insert-  
18 ing after the item relating to section 2422 the following  
19 new item:

“2422A. Misrepresentation by on-line predators.”.

